

To: House Committee on Rules

From: Aileen Kaye; Turner, Oregon

Date: April 1, 2019

Re: "No" on HB 2974

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I am against HB 2974 because:

1. It is not well thought out and way too complex. Too many people do not understand what is in it.
2. It has only two sponsors and one of the two is not even from a county that would be impacted by this bill. That sponsor is from Canby. **Why Candy/Clackamas County?** Is something being planned behind the scenes that we don't know about?
3. The bill creates an expensive, redundant layer of bureaucracy. It could be considered to be a boondoggle.
4. We don't know the salaries the elected officials would be paid, etc.
5. This bill would raise everyone's **property taxes** regardless of where the bridge or bridges would be built and who would use them! Not acceptable.
6. I have heard special interests want a new bridge that would replace the Wheatland Ferry in north Marion County . I don't know how this would please the people who live in West Salem. I also have deep concerns that the fertile farm land and park land in that area would be industrialized.

Thank you for your consideration.